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"No virtue is safe that is not enthusiastic."

—*Seeley*.

SCHEDULE

1915

December	2. 5-30 P.M. Indoor Games Tournaments, Finals in Chess.
"	3. Do. do. Finals in Pingpong.
"	4. 8 A.M. Boxing Class Gymnasium. Indoor Games Tournaments, Finals in Billiards and Draughts.
"	5. 4 P.M. Men's Meeting. Life-work Series—"The Ministry as a Life-work."—By Rev. J. E. Neill, M.A.
"	6. Indoor Games Tournaments. Finals in Beanbag.
"	7. Do. do. Ringboard.
"	8. Do. do. Word-building.
"	11. 8 A.M. Boxing Class Gymnasium.
"	12. 4 P.M. Men's Meeting, Life-work Series.—"Medicine as a Life-work."—By Capt. A. J. H. Russel, I.M.S.

NOTES

There are at present six vacancies in the Y. M. C. A. Chintadripet Lodge, and five in the Hostel.

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Mr. H. C. Herman, our General Secretary, represented the Madras Association in the North India Y. M. C. A. Conference held at Lucknow from the 19th to the 22nd ultimo.

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That our Auditorium is becoming popular is borne out by the fact that several organizations made use of it on the following days:—

On the 19th November the Sadhu Sangha Maha Sabha arranged a lecture by Mr. T. Narayana Sastri, B.A., B.L., on "The Necessity of Loyalty in the present Avocations of Life." On the 23rd, under the auspices of the Indian Christian Temperance Association, the Rev. K. R. Gopala Aiyar and Mr. C. Selvaraju delivered lectures on the nature and importance of the temperance question in Madras, when the Hon. Mr. Justice T. Sadasiva Iyer presided. Under the same

chairmanship another meeting was held on the following day in connection with the Theistic Endeavour Society when Mr. W. H. Heinrichs, our Associate Secretary, Principal Arthur Davies and Prof. D. Seshagiri Rao spoke on "Booker T. Washington, the great American negro leader and worker." On the 27tb the Indian Christian Association gave a reception to the Indian Christian graduates of the year when the Hon. Dewan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillay presided and the Revd. W. Meston addressed the gathering. The reception was held in our spacious gymnasium and the boys' room and the meeting in the Auditorium.

The South Indian Missionary Association made use of our Committee room and two of the commercial class rooms for their annual Tamil examination on the 17th November.

We heartily congratulate Mr. A. Aaron, our Student Secretary, and Messrs. K. C. Thomas, P. V. Isaac, V. K. John, R. K. Shunmugam, B. Kuttappa, S. Thambiraj, Raja Row, P. K. Lonan, T. Chandi, the past and present members of the hostel, and several other members of our Association who have taken their well-earned degrees in the recent Convocation of the University of Madras.

The Indoor Games Tournaments are in full swing. There are twelve entries for Billiards, seven for Ping-Pong, eight for Draughts, six for Chess, ten for Ring-board, six for Bean-bags, and nine for Word-building. This is an excellent record and no tournament has been scratched for want of the required minimum of six for each game. We are all eagerly awaiting to know who will win the silver medals and the prizes.

Though the fee is very low for the French and Hindustani classes, only two have paid for French and none for Hindustani. All those who have signed for these classes in the Membership activity card have been written to and in some cases spoken to and yet the result is disappointing. As we have already mentioned, no class will be started unless there are at least twelve members to take part in it.

The Royapettah Badminton Team has been pretty vigorous recently, having arranged matches with Badminton Teams of the Central Y.M.C.A., the Muslim Union, Harris High School, and Pachaiyappa's College.

The membership of the following gentlemen has expired during the month of November and an early renewal will greatly facilitate our membership work:—Messrs. Wieder Bisher, R. Cuthbert, S. Duraisami, A. V. Moses, K. E. Ninan, the Rev. W. E. H. Organe, J. Panjikaran, Leopald S. Pereira, H. P. Pieris, B. R. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Dr. P. M. Varughis and G. W. Varughis.

Those who have joined the Association or renewed their memberships during the last month are Messrs. A. Rebeiro, Syed Ismail, A. S. Govindarajalu, T. J. Allen, H. Mohammed Abdul Khader, E. S. David, and N. Subbarao Naidu.

The Association Hockey Team met the Presidency College Team on the 9th November and had a reverse though the first half of the game was contested with vigour and ended in a pointless draw. The return match is eagerly awaited by our representatives who hope to acquit themselves better. They managed, however, to beat the S. P. G. men by five goals to one. Three of the goals were scored by Subba Rao and Gideon while Jabbar accounted for the other two.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

The annual examination for Technical Teachers' Certificates for Madras centre will be held on the 6th and 7th of this month, commencing at 4 p.m. each day. The classes will be at the disposal of the Examiners. The Half-yearly examinations will commence on the 10th and progress reports will be sent to the parents or guardians of the students before the beginning of the second term.

An ordinary meeting of the Commercial Union was held on the 20th, when Mr. C. J. Krishnasawmi read an interesting paper on "Commerce". Mr. D. F. McClelland presided. Owing to want of time there was no discussion and the Chairman wound up the proceedings with appropriate remarks specially emphasising love and honesty in all dealings between man and man. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Mr. Muthusawmi, one of the Secretaries of the Union.

The classes will be closed on the 17th that being a commercial holiday.

OUR READING ROOM

We wish to call the attention of our members to the following articles in the magazines found in the reading room:—

1. "The Message of the Christian Mystics for India," by Eleanor C. Gregory in the "East and West" for October, 1915.
2. "How I broke into Print," by several authors in the "Strand Magazine," November, 1915.
3. "American Public Opinion on the War." "The Round Table," September, 1915.
4. "Ideals of Life and Education, German and English," by Edmund G. A. Holmes. "The Nineteenth Century," October.
5. "London." With Beautiful illustrations. "The National Geographical Magazine," September, 1915.
6. "India's Services in the War." A Yusuf Ali; and the Review of "The Secret of the Raj." "Contemporary Review," October.
7. "Belgium under the Germans." Arno Dosch. "The Outlook" September, 22.
8. "Why I have gone to India." D. F. McClelland, our new Student Secretary, "North American Student," November.

9. "Relay Run at Bangalore," by G. P. Bryce; and "The Evangelistic Campaigns of the South India United Church," K. T. Paul. "Young Men of India," November.

10. "The Conquest of Children's Faults," Ella Lyman Cabot. "Religious Education," June, 1915.

11. "Social Evils and their Remedies," Kanoo Mal. "East and West," November.

12. "A Constructive Sketch of St. John the Divine," Archbishop Eydokin. "The Constructive Quarterly," September.

13. "The Rights ot Criminals," Samuel G. Smith. "International Review of Ethics," October.

14. "Education of the Blind." "The Modren Review," November.

MEN'S MEETINGS

On the 14th November the first of the series of Addresses on "Life-work" was delivered by Professor Hogg. His subject was "Principles in the Choice of Life-work." The Professor prefaced his addresses by remarking that since a Christian is voluntarily "the bond-slave of Jesus Christ" and consequently must be longing to labour where "the Lord hath need of him", the title of the subject ought to be not "Principles in the Choice of Life-work," but more appropriately "Principles in the Discovery of a vocation." Before going into these principles which should guide a young man in the discovery of his vocation in life, Mr. Hogg made two very pregnant reflections. The one is that whatever may be our specific vocation, the work to which we are called is for all of us fundamentally one and the same, namely, labour in God's great harvest-field. The second fact is that whatever our specific calling may be, under existing conditions in India it will inevitably entail a life of toil and suffering. Now the first step in the discovery of a man's vocation is that of learning to hear the call for service which echoes from the different spheres of the world's work. The second step consists in taking into account the number and quality of the workers who are offering themselves already for the different professions. A third and no less obvious step is to estimate one's qualifications for the various callings. The next point for consideration which must often be felt a very difficult element in the problem of discovering a vocation is the collision of one's own qualifications and opportunities on one side and the express wishes of his relatives on the other. The only principle that can be laid down under these circumstances is that it can never be a Christian's duty to do for the sake of his relatives what they will not thank him for having done when they get to heaven. One more step that the Professor mentioned was that no man should enter upon any profession without very seriously considering the special temptations with which it is beset and carefully counting the cost of rejecting them. There is only one condition on which "the pearl of great price" can be purchased and

that is to go and sell all that we have.

The attendance at the meeting was very good, being more than 150. In addition to the valuable address by Mr. Hogg the audience had the advantage of a Veena treat by Mrs. Edwards, who very kindly accepted our invitation. Many who were present at the meeting expressed their appreciation of the high quality of the musical performance.

On the following Sunday the Rev. W. Meston delivered the second address in the Life-work series on "Teaching as a Life-work." He pointed out that there are three calls for a Christian young man to take into consideration before he decides upon his future life-work, namely, the call of the country, the demand for religious education, and the call of the Church of Christ. He said that the force of these calls is tremendous when we consider the fact that there are in India to-day 90 per cent. of the men and 99 per cent. of the women who are illiterates, that is, according to the census criterion, "people who cannot write a letter and read the reply to it"; and that there are 43 per cent. of the children of Indian Christians who are not in school. Teaching as a life-work, said Mr. Meston, presents an unique opportunity because of the soil-lives that are eager, plastic, and ready: because of the seed sown—the great truths of life; and because of the sower—the personality of the teacher will stamp itself on the school-boys. Mr. Meston added also a few words of warning for those entering upon the profession of teaching. He said that a teacher must be really anxious for knowledge which implies a great deal of self-discipline and that he must be full of sympathy with those that are hungry for knowledge and that no remuneration in worldly goods must be expected by one who wants to consecrate himself to the noble profession of teaching.

BOYS' BRANCH

The Essay competition was held on the 13th in the Central Building, 46 boys had registered their names, of whom 20 were members of the Y.M.C.A. Boys' Branch. In spite of the heavy rain on the day appointed, 35 sat for the competition. The competitors represented 10 different High Schools in Madras. Of the 6 subjects for essays already announced "The life of a High School boy and how he could make himself useful to his fellow-boys" was chosen. Our thanks are due to Mr. K. Kuriyan who has shown his interest in the Boys' work by contributing towards the cost of the first prize: and to Messrs. Balasingham Satya, M.A., B.L., of the Christian College School, P.E. Devadasen of the U. F. C. M. High School, and P. Subramania Iya, B.A., L.T., of the Pachaiyappa's High School for having very kindly consented to value the essay papers. The results of the competition will be announced before the end of the first week in December.

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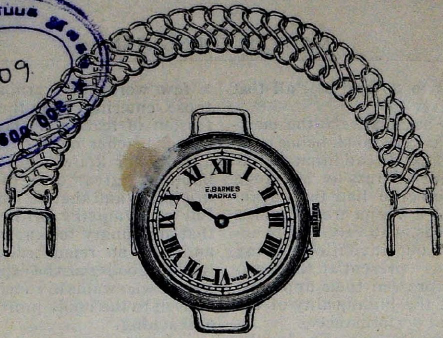

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